GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2371
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007
UNAUTHORISED ENTRY IN RESERVED COMPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware about the unauthorised forcefull entry of ticket- less travellers and general ticket holders in reserved compartments;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during 2007, the loss of revenue to Railways alongwith amount of penalties recovered therefrom, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTEs) and other security personnel behave as mute spectators to such unlawful acts and never discharge their duties;

(d) if so, the reaction of the railways thereto;

(e) whether the Railways are considering checking of entry in railway platforms with proper ticket at all important railway stations, like airports, to check ticketless travel in Railways;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other measures taken by Railways to stop ticket-less travel in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes,Sir. Some cases come to notice.

(b): No separate statistics regarding number of unauthorized entry of passengers in reserved coaches is maintained. However, a statement showing the number of persons detected travelling without ticket/irregular travel including unauthorized travelling in reserved coaches and the amount realized including penalties from them during the regular checks conducted in the year 2007 (January '07 to July '07), zone-wise is placed as Appendix.

(c) & (d): All out efforts are made by the ticket checking and other staff to curb entry of unauthorized passengers in reserved coaches. Unauthorized persons, found travelling in reserved coaches, are penalized as per provisions of law and detrained with the help of Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police.

(e) & (f): Ticket Collectors are posted at the entry and exit gates at important stations for checking the entry of ticketless/unauthorized passengers into platforms. However, Airport-like checking is not possible due to numerous porous points which are difficult to be sealed for making entry foolproof.

(g): Apart from regular and surprise checks, the minimum penalty for ticketless/irregular travel has been increased from Rs.50/- to Rs.250/- with effect from 1.7.2004.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2371 BY SHRI TUKARAM GANGADHAR GADAKH AND SHIRMATI(SAW.) KALPANA RAMESH NARHIRE, MP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY IN RESERVED COMPARTMENTS.

(b) :

Railway	Number of persons detected travelling without ticket/with improper ticket (in lakhs) January to July 2007	Amount realized (in crores) January to July 2007

Central 4.73 18.37

Eastern 2.29 5.55

East Central 1.88 5.23

East Coast 0.60 2.15

Northern 7.04 27.59

North Central 2.81 11.08

North Eastern 2.06 7.51

Northeast Frontier 0.86 3.62

North Western 1.66 5.68

Southern 1.84 6.76

South Central 3.53 13.93

South Eastern 0.92 2.78

South East Central 0.74 2.41

South Western 0.89 3.29

Western 4.22 14.96

West Central 1.64 6.90

Total 37.71 137.81